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## I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE ORDER/COMPHIBGRUTHREEINST 3500.6B

Subj: SUPPORTING ARMS PREDEPLOYMENT TRAINING (SACC TEAM TRAINING)

Ref: (a) NWP 22-2 (series), Supporting Arms in Amphibious Operations  
(b) JOINT PUB 3-02, Joint Doctrine for Amphibious Operations  
(c) FMFM 7-1, Fire Support Coordination  
(d) JOINT PUB 3-02.1, Joint Doctrine for Landing Force Operations

Encl: (1) SACC Team Personnel  
(2) Milestones

1. Purpose. This Order promulgates responsibilities and training requirements to ensure all deploying amphibious ready groups are properly trained in supporting arms coordination.

2. Cancellation. I MEFO 3500.6A/COMPHIBGRUTHREEINST 3500.6A.

3. Summary of Revision. This Order has been substantially revised and should be reviewed in its entirety.

4. Background. Coordination of fire support in an amphibious assault is a crucial and complex function. The Commander Amphibious Task Force (CATF), through the Supporting Arms Coordination Center (SACC) located aboard the amphibious command ship, ensures that naval gunfire, air, and artillery support are correctly applied to support the landing and maneuver forces ashore. A modular training and evaluation program was developed during the first and second COMPHIBGRUEASTPAC/CG I (MAF) Amphibious Warfare Training Boards in 1983. SACC training has subsequently been modified; but basic principles and objectives are still germane in today's littoral warfare environment.

5. Discussion. The SACC team training program will provide training in supporting arms coordination by focussing on team dynamics and interplay with the SACC organization, as outlined in references (a) through (d).

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b. COMPHIBGRU THREE, TACGRU ONE, CG I MEF (TECG), and EWTGPAC will provide observers to monitor and evaluate the afloat live fire exercise.

#### 9. Scheduling Action

a. The deploying ARG, in conjunction with the deploying MEU, or other deploying Navy/Marine units will develop a Joint USN/USMC Plan of Action & Milestones (POA&M). Tentative dates for Modules I and II will be scheduled NLT D-300 by the deploying PHIBRON. These dates are based on flagship operation schedules, the Tailored Ship Training Availability (TSTA) schedules, appropriate Southern California (SOCAL) exercise dates, CVW schedules (provided via the scheduling conference process), and the deploying ARG/MEU schedule. The POA&M should be finalized and provided to all concerned units within the milestones established in Enclosure (2).

b. The deploying ARG, with concurrence from the deploying MEU, will schedule Module I training with EWTGPAC.

c. COMPHIBGRU THREE will coordinate specific dates for Module II SACCEX with I MEF, the deploying ARG, and MEU during the PHIBRON/MEU Lock-in Conference. A COMTHIRDFLT letter of instruction will publish dates for both modules prior to deployment.

d. A successful SACCEX will require dedicated support from or by assets external to the ARG/MEU (SOC). In order to ensure the proper level of support, the exercise will be scheduled as part of the THIRDFLT employment schedule. Participating I MEF aviation assets will be scheduled via the monthly aviation frag conference. The PHIBRON/MEU must coordinate SACCEX planning with their counterpart BG/CVW.

e. The ARG/MEU will submit additional support requirements as agenda items at the THIRDFLT scheduling conference.

f. Funding for personnel attending training will be an individual command responsibility.



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REQUIRED SACC TEAM PERSONNEL

Supporting Arms Coordinator(CATF Staff)

LF Fire Support Coordinator(GCE Staff)

LF Fire Support Officer(MAGTF Staff)

LF Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer(MAGTF or GCE Staff)

Naval Gunfire Support Officer(CATF Staff)

Target Intelligence Officer(CATF Staff)

Target Information Officer(MAGTF Staff)

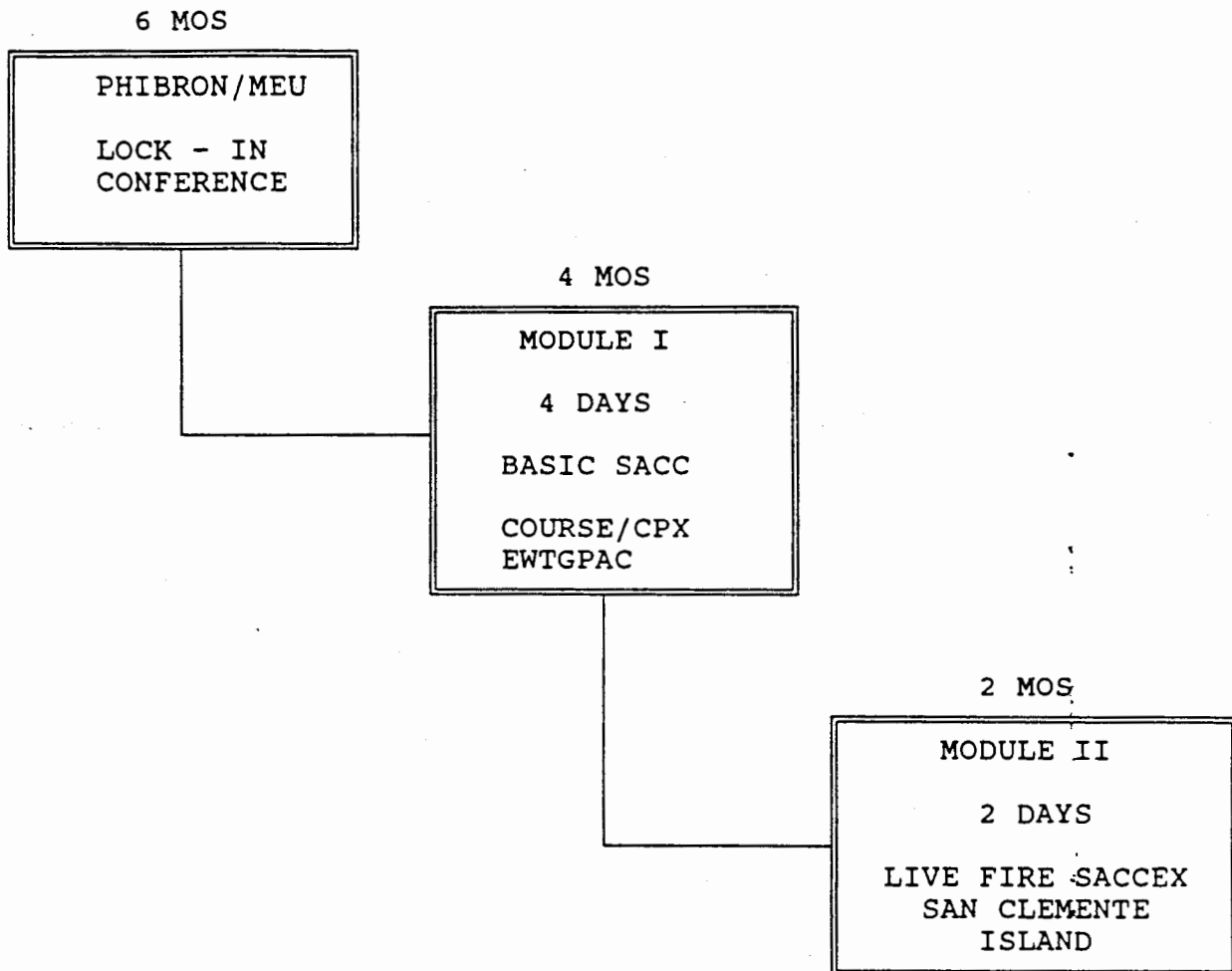
Air Support Controller(PHIBRON Staff)

Air Intelligence Officer(If assigned)

Radio Operators, Plotters, and(various)  
Administrative Personnel

ENCLOSURE (1)

MILESTONES



ENCLOSURE (2)